Bible and Daily Living

Hard times

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Facing Hard Times
Lesson for April 5, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Matthew 26:1-16

Introduction

We all have our trials and tribulations to face throughout life. No one is immune from the horrors of tragedy, trauma, pain, loss, and emotional hurt. When we run up on hard times we tend to look and listen for signs of hope.

We move now to consider the "star event" in the life of Jesus, namely, his crucifixion, death and resurrection. As we move into the Easter season, may we do so with a fresh celebrative spirit. Perhaps we will discover or rediscover the meaning of the cross for our personal and corporate lives.

The Gathering Storm [Matthew 26:1-5]

Jesus became the object of much hostility and suspicion. The chief priests, scribes and elders began to draw up a scheme as to how they might destroy Jesus. Jesus became the victim of bloodthirsty and powerhungry people for whom flesh was cheap.

Jesus knew all along that his heath lay just over the horizon. Those who sought to destroy him resented his authoritative claims and teachings. The politics of the day almost demanded that Jesus be destroyed for here was one who challenged the political and religious authorities of his day. Yet he faced a system and a people whose aim was destroying anyone and anything that interfered with their cozy little worlds.

They moved cautiously, however, because they did not wish to appear antagonistic to those who followed Jesus. These people were experts at calculating death and destruction. In time they would work their plan.

An Act Of Love [Matthew 26:6-13]

Almost parenthetically Matthew records a beautiful moment that describes the impact of Jesus upon those whose lives he touched. A woman comes to Jesus and anoints his head with oil. In a seemingly prophetic moment she prepares the body of Jesus for burial.

The disciples, true to form, rejected the woman's generous gift and act of love. They could not comprehend the fact that someone would take such a precious and expensive perfume and "waste" it rather then using it to raise money for the poor.

Ironically, Jesus affirms the woman's action as an expression of her love for him, and as a prelude to his eventual death. What she did was a comforting expression of love and affirmation.

An Acto of Deception [Matthew 26: 14-16]

When someone violates the community or family trust, we seldom conclude that the violator is close to us. We tend to preclude that the violator is someone outside our ranks. That one of our own would betray us and bring hardship upon us for self-gain is hard to imagine.

Judas becomes the betrayer of Jesus, all for thirty pieces of silver. This was a cheap price for his act of treachery, but he willingly sold himself in order to cover his misgivings about Jesus. Judas had high hopes for a "national messiah" who would set up a political kingdom and give him "room at the top." Judas could not make sense of a messiah who spoke of a kingdom of peace, love and grace.

A Final Meal [Matthew 26:17-30]

The story of the betrayal is followed by a moving drama of a supper Jesus shared with his disciples. This was to be a very private meal in which Jesus would institute a new commemorative supper that would for ages to come be eaten in his honor and memory.

The symbols of the supper were simple (bread and wine), but they represented the broken body and shed blood of him who came to offer life both abundant and eternal.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYP).

Local students

5 to compete

By CORNELIUS DAVIS

On May 1-3, 1981 at the Holiday Inn Scope in Norfolk, Va., five students will be attending leadership competition.

Those students are Teresa Bass, a tenth grader in Distributive Education I, who will be competing in the job interview and also running for Central Area Vice President of Va. DECA; Amanda Gage, an eleventh grader in Distributive Education II, who is employed at Burger King and will be competing in Food Service on the Master Employee Level; Tim Webb, an eleventh grader in Distributive Education II, who is employed at Harvey's Market in Pamplin, Va., and he will be competing in General Merchandising on the Manager-Owner Level; J. R. Harvey, a twelfth grader in Distributive Education III, who is employed at the 460 Gulf Service Center and he will be serving as a voting delegate and campaign manager; and Mike Shupe, an eleventh grader in Distributive Education II, who is employed at Whiting Oil Company and he will be serving as a voting delegate and an assistant campaign manager.

We wish the best of luck to each of these students in State Competition and congratulate them on being winners so far!

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AT A RECENT RECOGNITION SERVICE at Hebron Baptist Church the level of Queen was awarded to Wendy Glover and Traci Moore. The levels of Queen with a Scepter and Queen Regent to Lynn Martin, Sandy Walton and Connie Krantz. Pictured from left to right, (front row), Connie Krantz, Sandy Walton, and Lynn Martin. Back row, Traci Moore. Not available for the picture was Wendy Glover.

Committee studies AES

A committee composed of parents, teachers, and administrators is developing the Annual School Plan for Appomattox Elementary School. This plan outlines objectives and strategies that will establish standards and lend direction to the school for the 1981-82 school year. All parents are invited to suggest ideas and discuss their particular thoughts or suggestions with members of the committee. This year the committee is composed of the following: Miss E. Gilliam, grade 3 teacher; Mrs. A. Berryman, grade 4 teacher; Mrs. N. Davis, grade 5 teacher; Mrs. M. Almond, grade 6 teacher; Mrs. R. Fox and Mrs. P. Chambers, parents, and T. Bowmann, principal of Appomattox Elementary School.

Our next meeting will be held on April 2, 1981 at 3:30 in the Planning/Resource Room.

Ellen Hinnant assigned

G. Ellen Hinnant of Spout Spring is one of 285 East Carolina University teacher education students who have been assigned practice teaching sessions in North Carolina this semester.

Ms. Hinnant has been assigned to Bethel Elementary School and will be focusing on special education.

Dr. Thomas A. Chambliss, director of student teaching, said each practice teacher will conduct regular classes under the direction of a supervisor and will receive a grade for performance.

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News of Area Churches

Services at Mt. Olivet

Special evangelistic services will be held at Mt. Olivet Church located four miles east of Lynchburg on U. S. 460 April 2-5 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The Rev. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., will be the evangelist for the revival. He is district superintendent of the Lynchburg District of United Methodist Churches, which numbers 82 ministers and 99 churches.

In charge of the revival song service is Mr. A. S. Jefferson, with Betty Leftwich playing piano. The Rev. Samuel McGee is pastor of the church and host minister.

The public is cordially invited to attend these revival services.

Revival at Eastbrook

Revival services at Eastbrook Baptist Church, located off Routes 460 and 501 near Paradise Lake will continue through this Saturday, April 4, a 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The Rev. Noah Frye from Spruce Street Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C., will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Robert E. Mills is pastor of the host church.

There will be special singing each night. Tonight (Wednesday) the Trinity Believers Quartet from Trinity Baptist Church in Lynchburg will appear. Other groups which will sing include those from Clearview Baptist Church, Calvary Cross Baptist Church, and Immanuel Baptist Church.

Also, Eastbrook Baptist Church's own Trinity Echoes, Kings Messengers and Lonnie Meadows will sing.

The public is welcome to come and enjoy good preaching and singing during the revival.

Drama at Memorial

The Cross Of Challenge, an Easter drama, will be presented at Memorial United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, at 7:00 p.m.

The cast will include: Tom Bowmann, Wayne Compton, Crawford Davidson, Ben Harvey, Mary Alma Hudson, Denise Huskey, Gary Huskey, Jane Guill, Mary Lane, Keith Leonard, David Midgett, George Morris, Nancy Morris, Janet Noble, Dawn Pitsenberger, Todd Reynolds, and Laura Walton.

Mrs. Charlene Lawson will be soloist. Organist is Cheryl Walton. Special music will be by the Cherub Choir.

Everyone is invited to join us in this worship experience through drama.

Refreshements will be served.

Clinic at Liberty

A Vacation Bible School workers clinic will be held at Liberty Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 7 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and again from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

All Vacation Bible School workers are invited to attend. The clinic is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a more effective Vacation Bible School worker.

The Rev. Elton McDowell

Revival at Reedy Spring

Revival services at the Reedy Spring Baptist Church will begin on March 29 and continue through April 3 with services beginning each evening at 7:45.

The Rev. Elton McDowell will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Gospel sing at Vera

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Vera Church of God is planning a gospel sing on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and there will be no charge for admission.

Rocks slates revival

The Rocks Baptist Church will be in revival beginning with the evening service April 5 and extending through Wednesday night, April 8.

The Rev. Elton McDowell, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church will be the evangelist.

Special music will be provided each night.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some good gospel preaching and good music. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening.

Davis rejoins Va. Fibre

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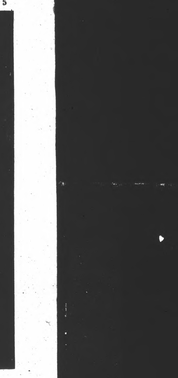

Mrs. Michael L. Ayers

Miss Gowin weds Mr. Parker

Before an altar of palms, candelabra, and arrangements of yellow and white daisies, gladiolus, carnations and roses, the wedding of Miss Catherine Ann Gowin to Timothy Lee Parker was solemnnized on March 21 at one o'clock in the afternoon at the West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Gowin of Lynchburg and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis Parker of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The Rev. Daniel Scott, minister at Stuart Baptist Church, Stuart, Virginia officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Gladys Davis, organist, and Mrs. Margaret Deeds, soloist, who sang, "One Hand, One Heart", "Charity", and "The Wedding Prayer."

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of quiana with silk venice lace forming a Queen Anne neckline. With an empire waist, the fitted bodice formed soft gathers which fell from a lace applique. Matching lace trimmed the long, sheer bishop style sleeves, the fingertip veil and the chapel train. The bride carried a bouquet of long stem yellow roses, baby's breath and greens.

Miss Joy E. Gowin of Lynchburg, sister of the bride was maid-of-honor. She wore a pale yellow floor length dress fashioned with a V-neckline edged in white lace and butterfly sleeves of white lace. From the empire waist, soft gathers flowed to a wide lace flounce. She carried a bouquet of daisies, baby's breath and greens.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Charles E. Ripley of Lynchburg, and Mrs. D. Wayne Milby of Sandston, Va. They wore gowns similar to that of the honor attendant and carried similar bouquets.

Mr. Joseph L. Parker, father of the groom was best man and ushers were Jerry L. Parker, Kingsport, brother of the groom, Gary W. Parker, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., brother of the groom, D. Wayne Milby, Sandston, brother-in-law of the bride, and Charles E. Ripley, of Lynchburg also brother-in-law of the bride.

Miss Laura Michelle, of Sandston, niece of the bride was flower girl and ring bearer was Darren Scott Milby, of Sandston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowin entertained with a reception immediately following the ceremony.

Mrs. F. R. Owen of Stuart, Virginia directed the wedding. Serving at the reception were Mrs. Alan Carwile, Miss Eleanor Neas and Miss Rita Inge, all of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Douglas Wingate, Mrs. David Hammel and Mrs. Gary Qualls of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The bride is a graduate of E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg and Radford College. She is a former teacher at Patrick County High School, Stuart, Va. and Lynchburg Training School and Hospital, Lynchburg.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Lynn View High School, Kingsport, Tennessee and Applachian State University. He is a former teacher at Patrick County High School, Stuart, Va. and is presently attending graduate school at East Tennessee University and is also employed with State Farm Insurance.

After a southern wedding trip, the couple will reside in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Miss Davis engaged to Mr. Mitchell

Mrs. Allen Torrence of Appomattox announces the engagement of her daugher, Melinda Lynn Davis, to Richard Lee Mitchell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar V. Mitchell of Covington, Virginia.

Miss Davis, who is also the daughter of Gene T. Davis of Plainfield, Indiana, is a 1980 honor graduate of Appomattox County High School. She now attends Virginia Intermont College where she plans to receive an associate degree as a Medical Laboratory Technician.

Mr. Mitchell is a 1979 honor graduate of Appomattox County High School. He also attends Virginia Intermont College where he plans to receive a degree in General Studies with concentrations in Religion, Sociology, and Speech.

The wedding is planned for May 23, 1981 at 2 p.m. at Bethel View Baptist Church in Bristol, Tennessee.

[Photo by Allen Austin]

Miss Melinda Gale Paulette

Miss Paulette to wed Mr. Lockhart

Mr. and Mrs. Temple L. Paulette, of Appomattox, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Gale to Keith Allan Lockhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Lockhart, of Euclid, Ohio.

Miss Paulette is a 1978 graduate of William Byrd High School Vinton, Virginia and is presently employed at Babcock & Wilcox.

Mr. Lockhart is a 1978 graduate of Euclid Senior High School, Euclid, Ohio and is a senior at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio and also an employee of Babcock & Wilcox.

The wedding date has been set for June 13, at 2:00 in the afternoon at Evergreen Baptist Church, Evergreen, Virginia.

Social News

Mrs. Jesslyn Davis, Mrs. Ethel Owen, and Miss Virgina Tolley were luncheon guests of Mrs. Mirtie Evans on Tuesday.

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William Mitchell is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital where he is recovering from surgery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newcomb visited her mother, Mrs. Mirtie Evans and his mother, Mrs. Mary Newcomb recently.

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Mr. M. D. "Andy" Anderson is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock of Virginia Beach spent Saturday night with Mrs. Andy Anderson. They were dinner guest of Mrs. Janie Chernault on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall are on a buying trip in New York this week.

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Mark D. Marshall, a senior at James Madison University has returned to school after spending his spring break at his home here.

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Tim Marshall, a freshman at VPI/SU, was home for a few days last week.

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David Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall was in Lynchburg last week where he spoke at Brookville High School Business Classes. Davis is an account executive for Dean, Witter, Reynolds in Richmond.

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Steve Marshall of Stephen's Fashions was in Charlotte, N. C. on a buying trip this past weekend.

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Miss Harris to wed Mr. Flowers

Mrs. Emmett G. Harris Sr. of Appomattox proudly announces the engagement of her daughter, June Marie to Jeffrey Scott Flowers, son of Mr. Charles G. Flowers of Lynchburg.

June is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended Central Va. Community College. She is presently employed by Bedford Federal Savings and Loan in Forest, Va.

Jeff is a 1978 graduate of Brookville High School. He is presently employed by Mead Inc. of Lynchburg. The wedding will be an event on Saturday, April 11, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, Vera.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Showers honor bride-to-be

Miss Angela Denise Richardson of Pamplin has been honored recently with several showers of bridal appointment prior to her marriage to Boyce Phillip Seay.

Miss Richardson was honored on Sunday, March 15 with a miscellaneous shower at the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin. Guests at the shower included friends and relatives of Miss Richardson.

Mrs. Darryl Hudson of Concord and Miss Debbie Baldwin of Pamplin were hostess on Saturday, March 28, honoring Miss Richardson with a lingerie shower. Guests at the floating shower included Mrs. J. E. Richardson, the bride's mother, Mrs. Patsy Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, and friends of Miss Richardson.

The Richardson-Seay wedding will take place Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin

Miss Torrence honored

Miss Linda Gail Torrence, whose marriage to Donald Lee Almond, Jr. will take place in April, was honored on February 19 with a linen shower given by Ms. Nancy Stratton at her home.

On Sunday, March 15, Aileen Ferguson, Jean Dunnum, and Delores Jones honored Miss Torrence with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Teddy Moore.

Close friends and relatives of the couple attended the showers.

The Almond-Torrence wedding will take place at two o'clock in the afternoon on April 4 at Liberty Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. Allen Torrence and Mrs. Doris Dalton of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Almond Jr. of Appomattox.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mohler weds Mr. Ayers

The marriage of Wendy T. Mohler to Michael L. Ayers took place Saturday, March 21 at 2 o'clock in New Chapel Baptist Church, with the Rev. Doug Gibson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Torrence of Rustburg. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ayers of Appomattox.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The bride attended Rustburg High School and is employed by Hills Department Store.

The bridegroom attended Appomattox High School and is employed for the City of Lynchburg.

After a trip to Natural Bridge the couple will live in Rustburg.

Miss Kim Locke of Gladys was maid of honor and brides only attendant.

Bobby Ayers of Lynchburg, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Danny Torrence of Rustburg, brother of the bride, was usher.

Music was played by Mrs. Brenda Shortridge with solo by Mrs. Marilyn Gibson, both of Rustburg. Cindy Moore of Lynchburg was guest book attendant.

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